

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting on page 1, line 32-- and ending on line 34:

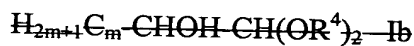
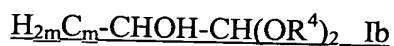
--U is an ~~acetylated~~ acetalated carbonyl group in which the alkoxy groups are derived from an alcohol of the general formula II, or is a compound of the general formula III—

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph on page 2, lines 1-3:

--W is as defined for V, with the proviso that one of the groups V and W is a carbonyl group and the other is an ~~acetylated~~ acetalated carbonyl group,--

Please substitute the paragraph starting on page 5, line 3, and ending on line 13, with the following paragraph:

--The process is furthermore particularly suitable for the preparation of compounds of the general formula Ib:



where m is a number from 1 to 10, and R⁴ is as defined in formula II, and for whose preparation use is made of a compound of the general formula Vb:

